

ABSTRACT

A Phase I and II survey of five proposed borrow pit and wetland replacement areas in Kent County, Delaware was undertaken to locate and identify significant archaeological resources. Approximately 490 acres in five separate parcels were surveyed. A total of 17 archaeological sites were located by Phase I testing. Of these sites, eleven were prehistoric and four were historical. Two sites had both prehistoric and historical components. One of the two multicomponent sites, the Pollack site (7K-C-203), was a known National Register site. Phase II testing at 7K-C-203 identified the remains of two late seventeenth and early eighteenth century farmsteads and seven distinct areas of prehistoric occupation. The prehistoric occupation of these seven loci ranged from the late Paleo Indian Period (ca. 7000 B.C.) to the Woodland II Period (A.D. 1000-A.D.1650). Artifacts recovered indicated a variety of activities ranging from hunting and gathering sites to micro-band base camps. Phase II testing was not undertaken at any of the other sixteen sites because construction design changes to State Route 1 determined that the Pollack site would satisfy all of the current borrow pit and wetlands replacement area needs of this segment of State Route 1.